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THE UPDATE

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'Tis May... the Month of Mary



*"Lead us, O Loving Mother, so that all our work is directed
to the love of Jesus and also the glory of his Divine Heart"*

St. Frances X. Cabrini ~ Journal of a Trusting Heart, July 1901

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Grace, we place ourselves under your protection. We pray, trusting in your intercession, for the Church, for our Institute, for youth, immigrants, the sick and all the world. You, who were the guide of Mother Cabrini, teach us to imitate her virtues, particularly her union with God, her unlimited confidence in the Heart of Jesus, her missionary zeal, her great humility and simplicity of life and her fidelity to the Pope and the Church.

Gentle woman, loving Mother, guide us, enlighten us, act in us so that we may acquire those true virtues, which console the Heart of Jesus. Amen. ~ *Consecration to Mary, A Light to Guide Us*



Commemorating a Very Special Arbor Day

This year on Friday, April 24th – Arbor Day – Cabrini College fittingly remembered one of its own - long time groundskeeper Frank Norcini - who passed away on February 18th. For decades, Frank lovingly cared for the Radnor campus by mowing lawns, planting bulbs and flowers, raking leaves, plowing snow and crafting evergreen wreaths to adorn the campus buildings at Christmas. Each autumn, Frank would create a pumpkin patch for the youngsters of the College's Children's School, so that they could go pumpkin picking.



The late Frank Norcini and his pal, Humphrey.

Year after year, Frank could be seen riding his lawn mower across campus, hair flying in the breeze, with his faithful canine companion Humphrey by his side.

On Friday, his family, loved ones and Cabrini College colleagues gathered to plant and dedicate a tree in his memory. Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC led the prayer service and blessed the tree.

Gus Feudale, head grounds keeper told those who had gathered a bit about the variety of the tree. The tree, donated by Frank's daughter Debbie Norcini Stevens, a 1978 Cabrini College graduate, is a 'Snow Fountain' weeping cherry with white, cascading flowers that will grow to about 15-20 feet high and wide.

What a perfect tribute to a man who surely considered the Radnor campus to be "holy ground". ~submitted by Nancy Costello



The great-grandchildren of Frank Norcini lend a hand to plant this very special tree on campus.

Honoring a beloved teacher, mentor & friend

Family members, friends, former students and colleagues gathered on the Cabrini College campus on Tuesday evening, April 28th to plant a tree in memory of Cabrini College Professor Emerita Anne Kruse and to share memories and stories of the deeply respected and much beloved biology faculty member.

Alumni and colleagues recalled her dedication to her students and her willingness to go out of her way to help others. She was a woman who truly embodied the Cabrinian spirit. "Cabrini College was like a second home for us both. She loved it here," remarked Dr. Conrad Kruse, Anne's husband.

Following the tree dedication, a formal program and reception was held in the Iadarola Center for Science, Education and Technology on campus.



Anne Kruse

Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

"The Impromptu of Outremont" Highlights Spring Arts Festival



CHS students from left: Sarah Bise '18, Bailey Chauvin '18, Dominique Geraci '16 and Emily Bennett '18 star in the production of "The Impromptu of Outremont" during the Spring Arts Festival.

Cabrini High School presented a production of Michel Tremblay's "The Impromptu of Outremont" during the school's annual Spring Art Festival.

The most popular play from one of Canada's most prolific and celebrated playwrights, Michel Tremblay, "The Impromptu of Outremont" details the interactions and personal struggles of four sisters the challenges of midlife during the birthday celebration of one of the sisters.

**Spring
into the
Arts!**

In addition to the play, other highlights of Cabrini's Spring Art Festival were the works of Art I, Art II, and Fine Arts Survey students. Artwork from over 100 students was on display, including an "Across the Curriculum" Art exhibit showcasing various creative pieces from other courses.

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard

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It's Reunion Time at Cabrini High School!



Cabrini High School Class of 1970 - 45th Reunion

Cabrini High School's Class of 1970 held its 45th class reunion April 17, 2015 on the school's campus.

A reception was held for the group in Alumnae Hall on the third floor of Cabrini's historic Esplanade building. During the reception, the classmates shared laughs and memories as they reviewed photos, yearbooks, and memorabilia provided by the school's Alumnae Office.

Celebrating Their 50th Reunion



Cabrini High School Class of 1965

Cabrini High School's Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th Class Reunion over a several days with festivities held on the school's campus and a luncheon at Metairie Country Club.

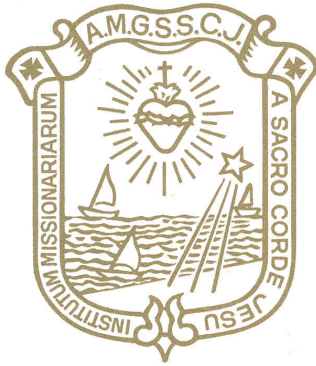
The event began with a prayer service in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Cabrini High School followed by a reception held in Alumnae Hall in the historic Esplanade building. During the reception, the group shared photos, yearbooks, and memorabilia from the school's archives provided by Cabrini's Alumnae Office. Throughout the reception, each of the participants was allowed to visit Mother Cabrini's bedroom privately for a moment of prayer in memory of the school's patron, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

On the following day, the classmates gathered a final time to celebrate their special anniversary with a luncheon at Metairie Country Club.

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard



More news from Cabrini High School...



Cabrini High School announced the student recipients of the **Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Awards.**

These awards honor five of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus whose dedication and influence touched so many Cabrini graduates and whose contributions were instrumental in developing the school into the outstanding academic institution it is today.

The **Mother Christine Perazzoli Award** is presented to the students who best personify the outstanding Christian qualities of Mother Christine Perazzoli- poise, gentleness, virtue, attentiveness to others, scholarly, and dignity. Recipients of the Sr. Christine Perazzoli Award for 2015 are Sarah Heraty'15, Alana Dison'15, and Sydney Taylor'16. (Pictured l-r., Sarah, Alana and Sydney)



The **Sister Catherine Garry Award** is presented to students who best personify the outstanding Christian qualities of Sister Catherine Garry - spirituality, strength as a leader, business-minded, intuition, practicality, and compassion. Recipients for the Sr. Catherine Garry Award for 2015 are Cayla Bean'16, Meagan Leathem'15, and Nedra Copelin'16. (Photo left, l-r: Nedra, Meagan, and Cayla.)

The **Sister Victoria Dority Award** is presented to students who best personify the outstanding qualities of Sister Victoria Dority: perseverance, inspirational, humility, vivaciousness, courage in the face of adversity, and humor. The recipients for the Sr. Victoria Dority Award for 2015 are Cameron Ponder'15 and Casey Wildblood'18. (Photo right: Casey (l.) and Cameron (r.))



The **Sister Alice Zanon Award** is presented to students who best personify the outstanding Christian qualities of Sister Alice Zanon: adventurous, spirituality, devotion, fortitude, non-judgmental, compassion, joy, intuition, and courage. Joey Alsandor'15, Emma Bologna'15, and Mignon Toppino'16 are the recipients of the Sr. Alice Zanon Award for 2015. (Photo left, l-r: Mignon, Joey and Emma)

The **Sister Catherine DeFranco Award** is presented to a student who best personifies some or all of the Christian outstanding qualities of Sister Catherine DeFranco: industry, organization, joy, determination, energy, benevolence, and prayerfulness. The recipients for the Sr. Catherine DeFranco Award for 2015 are Kayla Prout'16 and Gabby Scioneaux'15. (Photo right, l-r: Kayla and Gabby). **CONGRATULATIONS, ALL!!!**



Cabrini College, Radnor, pA
Taking Mother Cabrini Studies on the Road



Anne Schwelm, Cabrini instructor, (l.) and Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC (r.) accompany Cabrini College students in the Spirituality of Mother Cabrini course from left: Marina, Sarah, Hailey and Eric to NYC where they posed for a photo in front of the stained glass window of Mother Cabrini.

On Saturday April 18, several Cabrini College students from the *Spirituality of Mother Cabrini* course, traveled to New York to visit two Cabrini sites. Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, and Instructor, Anne Schwelm, led the tour. The first stop was the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City.

"My first time visiting the Shrine of Mother Cabrini and seeing her resting place was a spiritual journey for me. Entering the shrine and hearing the Latino Holy Hour hymns was an uplifting feeling for me. Seeing all those who are still in distress and praying for Mother Cabrini's intercession and in front of the Blessed Sacrament was breathtaking," said first - year student, Eric Lodi.

After touring the shrine and meeting Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC the group enjoyed lunch in Fort Tryon Park and then headed to St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. The students were welcomed by Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC and visited with Missionary Sisters Regina Casey, Ruth Tavares, and Xavier Hayden.

First year student, Sarah Galantino said, "It was a great trip and an awesome experience!"

~ submitted by Anne Schwelm



Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition

God keeps blessing us with wonderful people who enable CAAC to continue our mission to help victims of human trafficking! Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your kindness, your caring and for your generosity in supporting our cause. Your efforts have already helped so many in need as they begin their new lives. Please read the letter of thanks below to all of you who are partners on our journey. Love and prayers to each one of you!

Karol Brewer, CAAC Chairperson and Melanie Paccillo, CMC missionary

Dear friends,

Once again, I am writing to thank you for the donations you recently provided to me for victims of human trafficking in the Philadelphia area. Wednesday, I took a pregnant victim shopping at Kohl's with \$75 of your gift cards. She was so thrilled to purchase clothes that she can fit in for the next few months. My impression is that our outing helped her to feel special and worth more than perhaps she is used to feeling. This woman has limited family support and has so much to figure out in order to make it as a single mother. She is currently in a program that houses pregnant women, up to 6 months after their babies are born. Hopefully, while in this program, she will learn to take care of herself and her baby safely.



Thank you for your continued support and advocacy for the victims we work with here at the FBI. Please **thank all** who are helping them and the cause to combat human trafficking.

Elisa Lehman, Victim Specialist, FBI Philadelphia

The Cabrini Closet, NYC is Now Accepting Donations

Thanks to the hard work of the boys from St. Raymond's High School, the **Cabrini Closet NYC** is now able to accept donations! CMC Missioner Melanie will be in the Cabrini Closet this **Friday, May 1st from 2-6 pm** to accept fashionable clothing, accessories, and gift cards. If you're in the area, please feel free to stop by and get an **advance** look at this wonderful new ministry for survivors of human trafficking!

(Please note that clothing must be clean/laundered and pest free.)

If you wish to make a donation but cannot make this date and time, please contact Melanie at 732-322-2956 or CabriniAandA@aol.com to schedule another time.

Cabrini Closet, NYC, 220 E 19th St, Lower Level, New York, NY 10003



The young men from St. Raymond's High School helped to make the Cabrini Closet in NYC a reality.



Cabrini of Westchester, Dobbs Ferry, NY

Neighbors helping Neighbors

Once again during the Lenten Season, Cabrini of Westchester held its semi-annual food drive to benefit families, seniors, veterans and the new immigrant population in the Dobbs Ferry area. Staff and visitors dropped off canned and non-perishable items in the donation bin placed in Cabrini's lobby. Cash donations were also received and all proceeds from the collection were recently delivered to the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry at South Presbyterian Church.

The Dobbs Ferry Pantry Team is exploring other fund raising ideas and Cabrini of Westchester staffers look forward to learning how they can continue to support their efforts.

~ submitted by Susan Strangio



Wellington Ramirez (l.) and Susan Strangio gather the donated food items for delivery to the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry.

St. Finbar Parish School, Burbank, CA

Mother Cabrini, Ever Watchful and Compassionate



Dear Missionary Sisters and Cabrinian Community,

We thought you would like to see the beautiful mural, which was painted in the room we named after Mother Cabrini. It is located at Saint Finbar Parish School in Burbank, California where Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC is a volunteer.

The mural was created by Mr. Oscar Gonzalez, a teacher assistant at Saint Finbar School.

Many blessings, Michael Marasco, Principal, Saint Finbar Parish School

Thank you, Mr. Marasco, for sharing this work of art with all of us in the Cabrinian Community!

Prayer Requests

Theresa Liu Avitabile

Please pray for Theresa, the sister-in-law of Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC, who continues to need our prayerful support.

Thomas William Brown

Cathleen Frances Cabrini Cain asks that we please pray for her father, Thomas William Brown, who has been suffering severe pain in the last months and will undergo surgery on the morning of Monday, May 4. He is a beloved husband, and father of 9 children and 26 grandchildren. Prayers for a successful surgery and peaceful recovery would be so appreciated.

Nicole Clements

Prayers are requested for Nicole Clements, the daughter of a Mother Cabrini Shrine volunteer, who is recovering from brain surgery.

Sr. Marie Louise De Antonio, MSC

Kindly keep Sr. Marie Louise in your prayers. She has developed some medical issues.

Lourdes Giani

Lourdes, the sister of Sr. John Giani, MSC, fell over the weekend and sustained some facial injuries. Please pray that she soon recovers.

Lauren Laird

Please unite in prayer for Lauren, a 2012 graduate of Cabrini College. Lauren was out running last week and went into cardiac arrest and is now in a coma. Please pray for her and for her family at this most difficult time.

Sr. Grace Panettieri

Your prayers are asked, once again, for Sr. Grace, the sister of Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, who was readmitted to the hospital for heart issues.

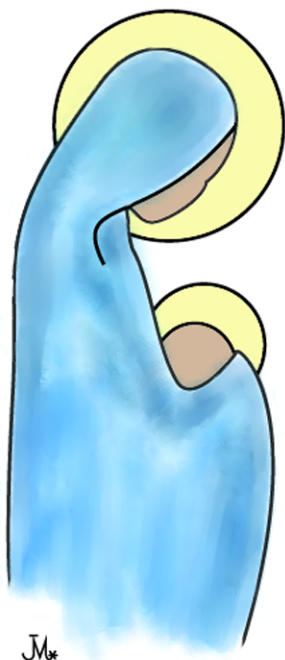
Cecil Santos

Sr. Beatriz Santos, MSC asks our prayers for her younger first cousin, Cecil Santos, who has been in a coma for almost four months in a Manila Hospice Center. She had an aneurysm in January, was operated and continued to be in a coma. She worked for many years in NY and San Francisco then went home to Manila to be with her family. Please pray for Cecil's recovery and for the strength of her family.

In Loving Memory

Chris Jones

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Jones who passed away and for comfort for his family and loved ones. His funeral is today.

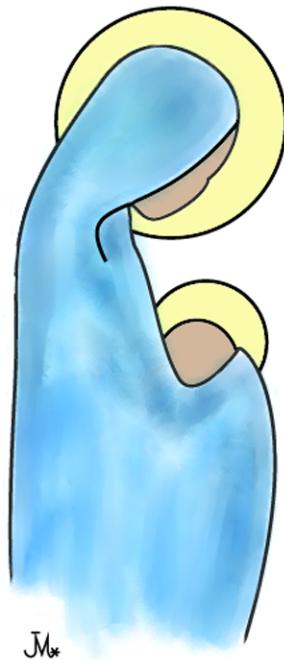


Georgina Mendoza,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Georgina, the sister of Sr. Gilda Mendoza, MSC, who passed away in Guatemala on April 29th. She was 57 years-old and had been suffering for the last few months with cancer.

Tanner Pasco

Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC requests prayer for the repose of the soul of 14 year-old Tanner Pasco, the grandson of Sr. Mary Ann's cousin, Carol, who was Tanner's guardian. Tanner was struck and killed while he was skateboarding. Please pray for strength for Carol as she makes funeral arrangements for Tanner.



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.